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SUBJ: U.N.: DISARMAMENT AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS - VISIT OF PAX CHRISTI PRESIDENT MONS. LUIGI BETTAZZI

ALSO PASS USICA

1. ON MAY 12 WE ISSUED VISA TO MONS. LUIGI BETTAZZI, BISHOP OF IVREA AND AS OF APRIL 1978, NEW INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF PAX CHRISTI. ORGANIZATION IS NOW ACTIVE IN 13 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING U.S.# ONE OF TWO INTERNATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS IS MONS. GUMBLETON , VICE-BISHOP OF DETROIT.

2. WE HAD USEFUL DISCUSSION WITH BETTAZZI DURING HIS VISIT TO CONSULATE AND HE WAS HELPFUL, OPEN AND WARM. IN RESPONSE TO OUR OFFER OF ANY ASSISTANCE DURING HIS SHORT VISIT TO U.S., HE SAID HE COULD NOT THINK OF ANYTHING SINCE PAX CHRISTI GROUP IN U.S. WOULD BE MAKING ALL ARRANGEMENTS DURING HIS THREE-DAY STAY IN NEW YORK.

3. BETTAZZI WILL LEAD PAX CHRISTI GROUP DURING SESSIONS RE DISARMAMENT AT U.N. DEVOTED TO NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS, AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN MARCH OF SUCH GROUPS TO U.N. O/A MAY 27. HE ARRIVES NEW YORK MAY 24 AND RETURNS TO ITALY MAY 28.
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BETTAZZI IS WELL-KNOWN IN ITALY, DESPITE SMALL SIZE OF HIS PARISH IN IVREA AREA, GIVEN HIS FAMOUS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS (JULY 76 AND OCTOBER 77) WITH PCI SEC.GEN.BERLINGUER ON WHICH EMBASSY HAS ALREADY REPORTED AND ALSO FOR HIS AUTHORSHIP OF SEVERAL BOOKS CONCERNING MODERN ITALIAN SOCIETY.

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5. BORN NOV. 26, 1923 IN TREVISO, BETTAZZI IS A TALL, HAND-
SOME AND ENGAGING INTERLOCUTOR. PRIOR TO IVREA, HE SERVED
IN BOLOGNA. WHILE HE ADMITTED HIS ENGLISH WAS VERY WEAK,
HE SAID HE IS STILL WORKING ON IT. HE HAS VISITED U.S.
ONLY ONCE PREVIOUSLY, IN 1964 FOR THREE WEEKS IN BOSTON
AREA WHERE HE WAS HOSTED BY CHURCH OFFICIALS.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT. AND/OR USICA WATCHING FOR ANY MEDIA
ATTENTION TO PAX CHRISTI AND BETTAZZI S VISIT AND SENDING
US MATERIAL AS APPROPRIATE.
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